

adapted to implement the geometric orientation modification method according to [one of claims 1 to 8] Claim 1.

32. (Amended) [Computer] A computer program product, loadable into a programmable processing apparatus, characterized in that it comprises software code portions adapted to implement the image processing method according to [one of claims 18 to 21] Claim 18.

---

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are now presented for examination, and by this preliminary amendment Claims 1-18, 22 and 26-32 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All

[illegible]

Jack M. Arnold  
Attorney for Applicants

NY\_MAIN 86444 v 1